



## **BRIEFING**

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**To:** Board of Trustees **For the Meeting of:** July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**From:** Arjuna George, Fire Chief **Date prepared:** July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**Subject: High School Junior Firefighter Program**

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### **DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE:**

As part of our recruitment and retention strategies we are developing a new community initiative in partnership with School District #64 and Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS). As part of our recruitment strategy we will be launching a Junior Firefighter program within the school's trade program, allowing students to obtain their National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firefighter Level I/II.

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### **Proposed Semester One (September 3, 2019 – January 24, 2020):**

Units 1-6,

- 18 days @ 8 hours per day @ \$35.00 per hour, times 2 instructors \$10,080
- Exam costs @ \$250.00 per exam \$750
- Photocopying about \$100.00
- Training materials \$175.00

Subtotal: \$ 11,105.00, (\$1,850 per student with 6 students)

Students will be required to pay:

- COTR Registration - \$150.00
- Textbook - \$100.00

Therefore, the cost to complete the first 6 Units (18 training days) is cost neutral, based on 6 students.

**Proposed Semester Two (January 27, 2020 – June 26, 2020):**

Unit #7 Fire Prevention

- 3 days @ 8 hours per day @ \$35.00 per hour, \$840
- Exam cost \$250

Unit #8 Live Fire

- 3 days at Pender Island Fire Rescue \$750.00 per student (Facility Rental, Technicians, Instructors)
- \$50 per student per evaluation

Unit #9 Hazmat OPS

- 4 days @ 8 hours per day @ \$35.00 per hour, times 2 instructors \$1,120
- Exam costs \$250

Unit #10 FRIII

- 8 days @ 8 hours per day @ \$35.00 per hour, \$2,240
- Text, Printing and supplies \$219.00 / student
- Exam Cost \$50.00 / student

Subtotal \$11,414.00 (\$1,902 per student with 6 students)

Students will be required to pay:

- ProBoard Diploma cost \$200.00

Each semester the student will earn 2 school credits, and the School District will reimburse SS Fire Rescue \$3,732 (less administration charge) for every student who successfully completes both semesters (\$1,866/semester).

Assuming 6 students are enrolled and successfully complete both semesters Total Cost per student is \$3,702 and flow-through funding from the School District \$3,732 (less administration charge).

**RECOMMENDATION**

To endorse the new community project offering basic Firefighting training to our local high school students while supporting our organizations recruitment strategies.

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